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SUMMARY: THIS TELEGRAM SUPPLEMENTS INFORMATION GIVEN IN
REF B ABOUT GNZ THINKING ON SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED
DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND PROVIDES ADDI-
TIONAL EMBASSY COMMENTS ON VARIOUS DISCUSSION TOPICS.
END SUMMARY.

1. THE NZ MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) TODAY IN-
FORMED US THAT, AS A RESULT OF AN INTERMINISTERIAL
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE
BEING MADE TO THE NZ CABINET REGARDING DISCUSSIONS WITH
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE:

- A. THERE SHOULD BE TWO POINTS OF EMPHASIS FOR THE
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- (1) THE FIRST RELATES TO NEW ZEALAND'S SITUATION
AS AN EXPORTER OF PRIMARY COMMODITIES AND WOULD INVOLVE
DISCUSSION OF BOTH NZ BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH
THE US (PARTICULARLY, THE ISSUE OF ACCESS FOR DAIRY
PRODUCTS AND, POSSIBLY, THE ISSUE OF CONCESSIONARY SALES
OF SKIM MILK POWDER BY THE US ON WORLD MARKETS) AND,

MORE GENERALLY, MULTILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE ACCESS IN THE MTN.

- (2) THE SECOND NZ POINT OF EMPHASIS SHOULD BE THE ISSUE OF JURISDICTION OVER HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH SPECIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSED SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY (SPRFA) AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TUNA FISHERIES TO THE OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND STATES. (THE HEAD OF THE AUSTRALIA AND AMERICAS DIVISION, MICHAEL POWLES, COMMENTED THAT THE NZ APPROACH WOULD BE TO SEEK AN ACCOMMODATION WITH EXISTING US LEGISLATION IF POSSIBLE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE PRIMD MINISTER MIGHT ALSO WANT TO USE THE MIGRATORY FISH ISSUE AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR OTHER COMMENTS ON THE SOUTH PACIFIC.)

- B. IN ADDITION TO THE TWO EMPHASIS POINTS, POWLES SPECULATED THAT PRIME MINISTER MULDOON MIGHT WANT TO MENTION ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS FROM AMONG THOSE WHICH WERE RAISED DURING MULDOON'S WASHINGTON VISIT LAST NOVEMBER. HE, HOWEVER, WAS NOT ABLE TO SPECIFY WHAT THESE MIGHT BE EXCEPT TO SAY THAT MULDOON MIGHT ADDRESS THE GENERAL AREA OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE. POWLES ALSO SAID THE NZ SIDE WOULD BE BRIEFED BY MFA ON RHODESIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, SALT, AND THE INDIAN OCEAN NEGOTIATIONS, AND JUST POSSIBLY ON ENERGY

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MATTERS, BUT WOULD NOT RAISE THESE ISSUES.

2. EMBASSY COMMENTS:

- A. WITH REGARD TO THE MIGRATORY FISH ISSUE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO BRIEF THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE VARIOUS FORMULAE WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AT THE SUVA SPRFA MEETING TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN US LAW AND THE CLAIMS OF THE ISLAND STATES.

- B. SINCE MULDOON IS LIKELY TO TOUCH ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AS WELL, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON THE EXPANDING US EFFORT IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

- C. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE VISIT BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL SERVE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STIMULATE GNZ SUPPORT FOR OUR MISSION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (SEE REF C, PARA 4). IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD NOT ONLY REITERATE THE US COMMITMENT TO THIS REGION, BUT COMMUNICATE AS WELL THE IDEA THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC WAYS NEW ZEALAND CAN CONTRIBUTE

TO OUR COMMON SECURITY OBJECTIVES AND THAT WE NEED AND
WANT ITS CONTRIBUTION. SPECIFIC POINTS MAY BE EXTRACTED
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